Modernisation schemes for lb Valley and Talcher Coal fields

792. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay in according clearance te. the -modernisation schemes for lb Valley and Talcher coal-fields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that the target of coal production by the "torn of the century would be affected due to the delay in according clearance; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to expedite the clearance of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The present production of coal in Talcher and lb-Valley coalfields together is 13.25 m.t. (1989-90). As per projections made by the Working Group on Coal & Lignite for the 8th Five Year Plan (1990-95) coal production is expected to increase to 25.26 m.t. in 1994-95 and 70.86 m.t. by 1999-2000. The increase in coal production is to be achieved through existing, on-going and new projects. Clearance has already been accorded for eight modernisation schemes for underground mines. Besides there are four ongoing projects *viz.* Baratpur OCp (Talcher), Lilari OCP, Vasun-dhara (East) OCP and Belpahar OCP (lb-Valley). In addition proposals for the following five projects are in advanced stages of appraisal:

TALCHER

1. Lingaraj OOP (6 mty)
2. Kalinga OCP (8 mty)
3. Ananta OCP (4 mty)
4. Lakhanpur OCP (5 mty)
5. Samleshwari OCP (3 mty)

IB-VALLEY

These projects 'will contribute to production during the 8th Plan period. More projects will be taken up for development for achieving the production targets for 9th Plan period.

Non-recsipt of electricity bills by the residents in Pushp Vihar Colony

793. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) since when the electricity bills have not been sent by DESU to the consumers residing in Type-I and Type-II quarters of Sector-Ill in Pushp Vihar <M.B. Road), New Delhi;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay;

(c) what is the number of consumers in the Colony who have not received their electricity bills during the last three years;

(d) whether any action is contemplated against the officials responsible for this inordinate delay; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRl ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to DESU, at present the electricity bills for the said area are being prepared manually at an interval of six months. The last bills were Issued in April, 1990 and the next bills are due in October, 1990. Issuing of the first bill in respect of a new connection takes a longer time due to the completion of a number of procedural formalities.